

Franklin Sugar Refinery
(Merchants Warehouse Company)
701-15 S. Front Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1562

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
FRANKLIN SUGAR REFINERY (warehouse)		PA-1562
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
Merchants Warehouse Company		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
701-15 S. Front Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
Before 1890		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
Late 19th century warehouse, modern in its time. In 1925 the building was bought by Merchants Warehouse Company.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Dimensions: approx. 122' (eleven-bay front) X 130' (originally approx. 82' X 130'). Six stories with mezzanine.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Main building multi-fenestrated and three gable ends (facing Kenilworth Street). Brick vaults under Front and Kenilworth Streets		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
Eastern section built as one-story boiler-house ca. 1881; raised to six stories and mezzanine for storage purposes and enclosed bridge to buildings in next block built at third story ca. 1886; western addition built after 1886; bridge later raised three stories.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Demolished 1967.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
The warehouse encompassed three blocks between Bainbridge and Almond Streets and from Front Street to the Schuylkill River.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Most of the information is based on Richard Webster's <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> , published in 1976 by Temple University Press.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
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